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Subject: Innovation Hubs Partnership Concept + Invitation to Council Expert Dialogue
Attachments: North American innovation and sustainability hubs Draft May 21.doc

Importance: High

Hi Tom-

Hope you are doing great. Writing to you for several purposes:

1. We have crafted a proposal for an innovation hubs partnership as we discussed on our call with you and Canada. We are still awaiting Mexico's response, but Canada supports the partnership. It is attached for your consideration and feedback. Please advise if you support it and if you have any comments. I would appreciate your feedback by this Friday. (you can ignore the estimated \$\$)
2. During the CEC Council Public Meeting, the three Ministers of Environment will engage in a dialogue on "Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth" with three experts from Canada, Mexico and the United States who will represent academia, private sector, and provincial government. The US would like to invite you to be the academic expert representative for the dialogue as you bring key expertise and experience and will be familiar with the Council Session and theme and will be involved in the Innovation Challenge. The dialogue will be moderated on 3-4 questions (currently vetting the questions and we will share them in advance.) Would you be interested and available on June 27 in the afternoon (you are scheduled to be at the session for the YIC already). Here is the current program for the afternoon, including your YIC engagement and the proposed Ministerial dialogue. Please let us know if you would can be the US expert academic representative.

I am in the office all week and would be happy to talk with you at your convenience. Regards.

Wednesday 27 June 2018

2:30 – 5:00 pm Council Public Session

- Purpose: The theme of the Council Session is Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth. The objectives of this session are:
 - To highlight how federal, state, academic and private sectors work together to advance innovation and green growth through policy, partnerships, education, and technologies;
 - Ministers engage in a dialogue with expert representatives from academia, state/provincial, and private sectors on Innovations and Partnerships for Green Growth;
 - Ministers engage in moderated Q&A with the audience (in the room and potentially on the web, TBD)
 - Showcase youth and innovation
- Ministers, JPAC, TEKEG, Secretariat, Delegations, Registered Public, CEC Webcast
- Location: OKC Convention Center
- Press: OPEN

Council Program:

2:30 – 2:38 pm Executive Director Welcomes Everyone and Introduces Video of CEC Accomplishments

2:38 2:40 pm Executive Director introduces the Council

- Ministers walk on stage and take their seats in order as each is introduced.
 - Administrator Pruitt
 - Minister McKenna
 - Secretary Pacchiano

2:40 - 2:55 pm Opening remarks by Ministers on Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth

- Administrator Pruitt (5 minutes)
- Minister McKenna (5 minutes)
- Secretary Pacchiano (5 minutes)

2:55 – 3:00 pm JPAC Chair introduces invited experts for a dialogue with the Ministers on Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth (one expert from each country, ideally representing private sector entrepreneurship, academia, provincial/state government).

- Tentative expert representation
- US – Academic – Tom Wavering, invited
- Mexico – Private Sector
- Canada – Provincial/government

3:00 – 4:00 pm Dialogue with the Ministers on Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth

- Moderated Q &A from the audience and CEC webcast
- Moderator, JPAC Chair

4:00 – 4:35 pm Youth Innovation Challenge

- Executive Director introduces the CEC Youth Innovation Challenge and its purpose and introduces the winners (5 minutes)
- Innovation Hub Director describes the OU Innovation Hub and the Business Challenge (5 minutes)
- Each winner presents their concept to the Council and their experience/learning at the Innovation Hub (5 minutes each)
- Ministers comment on their country winners' projects and share their perspective about how Innovation Hubs help advance innovation & green growth (3 minutes each/10 minutes total)
- NOTE— this program may evolve if Canada/Mexico bring Innovation Hubs/fabrication labs

4:35 – 4:45 pm Council announcements

- Signing of Ministerial Statement
- Signing of Council Resolutions (TBD Budget, other)
- TBD – potential trilateral announcements (i.e., weather center, academic, private sector, Innovation Hubs, partnerships)

4:45 – 5:00 pm Closing of Council Session- Ministers' closing remarks (5 minutes each)

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